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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF

WILLIAM RIVERA, CSW

Certified Social Worker
In the State of New Jersey

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Administrative Action

CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Social Work Examiners (hereinafter "the Board") upon receipt of information that William Rivera (hereinafter "respondent"), a Certified Social Worker, became a signatory for a client's safety deposit box and failed to inform his supervisor that he had become a signatory for the client. The client's daughter alleged that \$7,600.00 was missing from the safety deposit box.

Respondent appeared, pro se, before the Board on January 19, 2005 and testified that he worked at Community Programs Adult Day Health Facility in Vineland, New Jersey. He admitted that had become a signatory for a client's safety deposit box and held one set

of the safety deposit box keys. Respondent testified that the client had advised him that she needed to protect her money from a daughter and he thought that he was helping a client in need. Respondent further testified that he did not request permission from his supervisor because he knew his supervisor would not permit him to be a signatory on the safety deposit box and be in possession of the safety deposit keys. He testified that he did not know how much money was in the safety deposit box when he initially assisted the client, did not take any money from the account, and never noted in the client's records that he was a signatory for his client's safety deposit box and in possession of the safety deposit box keys.

Respondent testified that he deposited \$500.00 into the safe deposit box on seven occasions. He inventoried the safety deposit box before he returned the keys and found \$2,000.00 in the box. He paid restitution to the client in the amount of \$5,000.00 and the agency paid \$2,600.00. Respondent denied taking any money and testified that he paid \$5,000.00 because he had no records or receipts to demonstrate how much money was in the safety deposit box. After this incident, respondent resigned from his position and is now working at Absecon Manor as a case manager.


Having reviewed the entire record, it appears to the Board that respondent engaged in professional misconduct in his involvement in the financial matters of his client in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e). It further appearing that respondent desires to resolve this matter without recourse to formal proceedings and for good cause shown;

IT IS ON THIS 10th DAY OF June 2005,

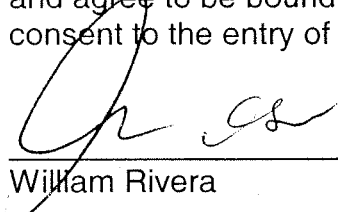
HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

Respondent is hereby reprimanded for professional misconduct, in violation of
N.J.S.A. 45:1-21 (e).

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF
SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS


Doreen J. Bobby, LCSW
Chair

I have read and understood the within Consent Order,
and agree to be bound by its terms. I hereby
consent to the entry of the Order.



William Rivera